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In re Application of

Dilip Gajendragadkar

Application No. 10/076,315 Filed: 13 February, 2002

Attorney Docket No. 10320-007-999

: DECISION DISMISSING

: PETITION AS MOOT

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) filed on 25 March, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 13 February, 2002.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on 13 February, 2002. In support, on 25 March, 2002, petitioner supplied a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EL452482366US (the same Express Mail number found on the itemized transmittal sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) bearing a date-in of 02/23/02.

A review of the Office PALM records reveals that this application was previously accorded a filing date of 13 February, 2002. Therefore, the present petition is unnecessary and will be dismissed as moot.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with the presently accorded filing date of 13 February, 2002, and for issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6918.

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